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SUBJECT: SAUDI-KUWAITI RELATIONS

1. SPEAKING OF SAUDI-KUWAITI RELATIONS DURING COURSE MY MEETING WITH FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD AUGUST 28, SABAH SAID ONE RESULT OF HIS JUST-COMPLETED VISIT TO TAIF WAS AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JOINT SAUDI-KUWAITI COMMITTEE AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. JOINT COMMITTEE IS TO MEET APPROXIMATELY EVERY THREE MONTHS. I TOLD SABAH THIS WAS VERY SENSIBLE IDEA; IT WAS CLEAR THAT CLOSER SAUDI-KUWAITI CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION ON AREA DEVELOPMENTS WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY NECESSARY.

2. SABAH SAID HE GAINED IMPRESSION FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION AND EVEN REMARKS MADE BY SOME OF HIS SAUDI ESCORTS THAT SAG INCOME, ALTHOUGH NOW VASTLY INCREASED OVER FEW YEARS AGO, STILL NOT ADEQUATELY REACHING GENERAL SAUDI POPULACE. THIS SITUATION, HE ADDED, HAD WORRISOME POLITICAL AS WELL AS SOCIAL AND HUMAN-ITARIAN IMPLICATIONS. I SAID OUR REPORTS INDICATED PRINCE FAHD AND OTHER TOP SAUDI FIGURES WELL AWARE OF NEED FOR FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTRY'S WEALTH AMONG THE PEOPLE. IN FACT, US-SAUDI WORKING GROUPS NOW FUNCTIONING, AND MUCH OF THEIR

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WORK BORE DIRECTLY ON THIS ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT. SABAH SAID

HE HOPED IN INTEREST OF WELFARE AND STABILITY OF WHOLE AREA
THAT WORDS WOULD QUICKLY BE TRANSLATED INTO DEEDS.
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